



Photo by Staff Sergeant Tia Schroeder

Senior Airman Mike Hull, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, performs a maintenance check on a B-2 during Operation Coronet Bugle 49 July 12. The crew chief, is deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam in support of an Air Combat Command global power mission. Global power missions also allow aircrews to train for the long flights from stateside locations to overseas theatres.

509ers practice global reach

By 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM — Once again, Whiteman members are exercising global reach capabilities through a forward deployment.

About 75 509ers deployed July 9 to support Coronet Bugle 49.

The Air Force regularly conducts global power training missions in the Pacific area for bomber training operations. These missions are not a reaction to any real-world events, but promote peace and stability by demonstrating America's ability to quickly deploy airpower.

"The bomber presence in Guam is one of many means to strengthen our forward presence in the region," said Lt. Col. Paul Tibbets, 325th Bomb Squadron director of operations and deployment commander.

The objectives of CB 49 are three-fold, Colonel Tibbets said. The event will:

- ✓ Train B-2 combat aviators on long-duration sorties and expose Whiteman operators, maintainers, and support people to the Pacific Air Forces Area of Responsibility.

- ✓ Validate the deployed mission planning cell operations capability and lay the foundation for future deployments.

- ✓ Prove continuous satellite communications capability with the B-2 and exercise airborne mission transfer."

Colonel Tibbets said this exercise helps members gain exposure and experience working in the PACAF AOR.

For some 509ers, this training mission is their first exposure to deploying.

First-time deployer Airman Travis Berry, 509th Security Forces Squadron, said this deployment showcases Whiteman's ability to achieve objectives from a forward operating location.

"I've learned that we can get anywhere we need to be in a short amount of time and take care of business," he said.

First Lt. Eric Jaggers, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said he hasn't seen much of the world and com-

ing to Guam is a unique experience. "It's exciting to go halfway around the world," he said. "We hear a lot about global reach and it's good to be a part of it."

Senior Airman Melissa Wrona, 325th Bomb Squadron, said this is an educational opportunity to implement training she has received at Whiteman.

"We learn the basics of deploying and it's good to actually use those skills," she said.

Master Sgt. Brian Tallberg, 509th AMXS and acting first sergeant, said this is a chance for new deployers to expand their horizons and broaden their military experience.

"It's good for them to see different facilities at different bases," he said.

Capt. Brad Cochran flew in the first B-2 formation that arrived Tuesday evening and said the training he received was some of the best of his Air Force career.

"This was a outstanding opportunity to validate our long-duration training, see the process from planning to execution, and become familiar with one of our forward operating locations," he said.

Whiteman members agreed the coordination with Andersen contributes to their positive deployment experience.

"They've (Andersen personnel) been very helpful out here," Airman Wrona said.

"The support has been great," Lieutenant Jaggers said. "Everything was set up when we got here. It has been a really great team effort."

Colonel P.K. White, 36th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, also expressed his willingness to work with 509ers.

"We will bend over backwards to get you what you want, when you need it," he said.

"Assistance from the host wing and deployed bomber personnel from Barksdale was instrumental to making this exercise a huge success," said Colonel Tibbets. "We will take some valuable lessons home which will better prepare us for future contingencies."

News in Brief

Marine commands STRATCOM

OFFUTT AIR FORCE

BASE, Neb. — Marine Lt.

Gen. James Cartwright assumed command of U.S. Strategic Command from retiring Adm. James Ellis during a change of command ceremony July 9.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, officiated the ceremony.

Before taking command, General Cartwright was the director for Force Structure, Resources and Assessment at the Joint Staff.

Since its creation June 1, 1992, USSTRATCOM's command position has traditionally been rotated between the Navy and Air Force. General Cartwright is the first Marine to have this assignment.



Lt. Gen. James Cartwright

Airmen's Bash today

The Airmen's Bash takes place 5 p.m.-midnight today in the dorm common area and it's open to all base members.

Free food and beverages, the pool will be open until 11 p.m., special guest DJ Kirby from Mix 93.3 FM, prizes, giveaways and live entertainment provided by The Sizzlers and Kaivus.

Commander's call time set

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, hosts a mandatory commander's call for civilians begins 10 a.m. Monday at the base theater.

509ers earn stripes

Two Whiteman members earned master sergeant stripes and one earned technical sergeant stripes under the July 04 In-system Supplemental board.

Tech. Sgts. Rodney Crowe, 509th Bomb Wing, and **Wesley Faulkner**, 509th Communications Squadron, were selected for promotion to master sergeant.

Staff Sgt. Edwin Paxton, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was selected for promotion to technical sergeant.

Top 3 hosts SrNCO ceremony

The Whiteman Senior NCO Induction ceremony for new master sergeants begins at 6 p.m. July 23 at Mission's End.

Guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Jim Flaschenriem, a Charter Chief who was one of the first 625 Airmen to be promoted to chief on Dec. 1, 1959.

The meal is London broil and costs \$15.95 for members and \$17.95 for non-members. The attire is semi-formal or mess dress.

Tickets are available from first sergeants. The last day to buy tickets is Monday.



CMSgt. Jim Flaschenriem

Register to vote

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing Commander

Whiteman Worldwide — This weekend, the 509th is wrapping up Coronet Bugle 49, a small-footprint global power deployment. With a week's worth of flying to Guam, and weapons drops from Alaska to the Pacific, we've gotten great training for B-2 crews, maintainers, and other dedicated support people.

Beyond the training, Coronet Bugle demonstrates to friend and foe alike our ability to launch from Whiteman, fly anywhere in the world and drop precision weapons, and to do the same from a forward location. I'm proud of the 509ers who've worked hard to make the exercise a success — well done!

Airmen's Bash — Work hard, play hard (and smart)! Tonight from 5 p.m. to midnight, in the dorm common area, there will be free food and beverages, two live bands, a DJ, and the swimming pool will be open until 11 p.m. It's a "thanks" for your great work and an opportunity to enjoy each other's company.

All Whiteman members and their families are invited.

Vote — "You miss every shot you don't

take!" Voting is one of the greatest responsibilities of any citizen in a democracy. If you don't vote, you surrender your personal piece of the democracy we fight to preserve. Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee, Colorado, Connecticut, Wyoming, Alaska, and Florida all have primaries in August.

Every unit has a voting rep — please see yours if you need help getting materials.

Town Hall Meeting — I will be holding a town hall meeting for spouses of deployed or remote personnel at 7 p.m. on July 26th and July 28th at Mission's End. This is a great opportunity for folks whose Air Force member is away from home to hear some useful information, and for me to hear first hand of any problems or challenges that we can help resolve. On-site child care will be provided during the town hall meetings.

Thermometers rising — We are halfway through the summer, but you can't become complacent about safety. Just because it's hot, it's still not smart to drink a cold beer and drive a vehicle.

Because it's getting hot, heat injuries are more likely and — and they can happen during recreational activities just as easily as they can while you are duty. Drink plenty of fluids and use alcohol in moderation. Stop-think-stay safe!



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Senior Airman Jon Mabie, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, supervises the re-fueling of a KC-135 at Whiteman. The Air National Guard provided KC-135 airlift support for about 75 Whiteman members who deployed July 9 in support of Coronet Bugle 49, a global reach training exercise at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

Lessons in leadership ... they're all around us

By Maj. Thomas Kirkham

509th Munitions Squadron Commander

As I sat down to write this article, I originally planned to use this idea as a speech at my monthly commander's call. The Air Force has been blessed with a large amount of staff sergeant promotions over the past few years and I wanted to pass on my thoughts on their new role as NCOs and the subject of leadership. We're constantly reminded we're all leaders, and as we gain rank and responsibility, the ability to lead becomes more critical.

It all started while I was reviewing Chapter seven in the Promotion Fitness Examination study guide titled "NCO Leadership." I was taken back by the paragraph on self-evaluation, how it's hard to be the complete leader ... rarely will you find someone who can answer "Yes" to each of the 12 questions.

As I pondered the questions, I thought of some examples I've witnessed over my career and quickly realized that great leadership is not exclusive to those in senior positions but is displayed by our youngest and brightest Airmen. Our new NCOs need only use their eyes and ears, looking and listening to gain fantastic insight into what characteristics make a great leader.

For example, question one — **"Do I have the courage to make tough decisions and stand by them?"**

The toughest question and hardest for a young supervisor to do. The example I use is a technical sergeant giving an honest, less-than-firewall mark on an EPR after repeated feedbacks failed to bring about the expected behavior. His troop was bright, energetic and popular within the unit; however, he failed to complete mandatory training in the prescribed time. The supervisor stuck to his guns on the rating, even with the scrutiny conducted throughout the review



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Maj. Kirkham, 509th Munitions Squadron commander, looks on and assists as 509th Munitions Squadron members Senior Airman Jesse Shellhammer and Airman 1st Class Gina Benally perform an inspection on a MHU-110 trailer, used primarily in the delivery of munitions to the flight line.

process. That's a leader.

Another example, question 10 — **"Am I willing to accept my subordinate's failures as my own, yet immediately recognize their successes as theirs?"**

In a unit I was recently assigned to we had just completed a rather in-depth inspection for our upcoming NSI. Within one flight, there were significant failures as well as noted strengths. This particular superintendent, a master sergeant was the first to congratulate his Airmen whose duties were recognized as superior, and accepted the other problem areas

as his own. There was no blaming of inspectors or subordinates. The buck stopped with him and he willingly accepted responsibility. A tough thing being a leader at the top.

My favorite question is No. 9 — **"Do I really listen? Can I withhold judgment until I have all the facts?"**

Over my career I've been blessed to work for commanders who have had the gift of patience. When a problem or issue arose, they were never quick to jump at a course of action. Instead, they always gathered all the facts before acting. Leadership at it's finest.

Lastly, question four — **"Am I willing to do my best with what seems to be inadequate means?"**

I can recall during a work center visit, maintenance technicians were troubleshooting a piece of equipment that was failing for unknown reasons. My general curiosity was to look through the tech order data while they worked. Frustrated that the equipment was not responding per the TO, I asked if they had more references to work from. I was surprised to learn that most problems encountered with this piece of equipment were, in fact, not listed in the TO. Over time, they had built an in-house checklist of potential fixes and continued to add to it as unique challenges faced them. This from a trio of young staff sergeants — everyday NCOs doing their best with inadequate guidance to ensure mission accomplishment. Fantastic leadership.

I've only covered four questions of the 12 listed in the PFE, however, the real message of my article is that great leadership happens all around us. New NCOs as well as old can look around and see living examples. It's rare that you'll find the perfect leader — each of us contributes based on our strengths and each of us has shortcomings that need to be improved upon. I urge new staff sergeant selects to look above them, below them, and beside them when seeking lessons in leadership — they're all around us.

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Air Force Uniform Board releases results, changes

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recently released the results of the 96th Air Force Uniform Board held June 18 and 19.

The chief of staff approved a number of changes, affecting everything from cell phones to scarves. They include:

- ✓ A standardized Air Force physical training uniform.
- ✓ Redesigned female lightweight blue jacket.
- ✓ Authorizing the lightweight blue jacket to be worn indoors.
- ✓ Authorize, as an option, to have the Air Force symbol embroidered on the lightweight blue jacket.
- ✓ The A-line skirt as an optional item.
- ✓ Redesign and revise maternity uniforms.

✓ Authorizing the black scarf only with Air Force uniforms, eliminating white, gray and olive drab options.

✓ Authorizing conservative ornamentation on nonprescription sunglasses and eyeglasses.

✓ Authorizing one small, black, nondescript personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone at a time to be worn on the uniform belt.

✓ Allowing females to wear small, black spherical earrings when in uniform.

✓ Allowing black web belts or black riggers belts with nondescript buckles as an optional item while wearing the battle dress uniform.

✓ Removing the requirement to wear a tie or tab with short-sleeved shirt or blouse while traveling on a commercial airline.

✓ Authorizing wear of a backpack over both shoulders.

✓ Authorizing only a solid-color black backpack with blue uniform combinations



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Sandra Avery cuts Maj. Dave Hadden's hair in the base salon. The uniform board changes now allows men to cleanly shave their head or have a military high-and-tight haircut. Major Hadden is the 509th Maintenance Squadron commander.

and solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpack with BDUs.

- ✓ Redesigning the security forces beret.
- ✓ Allowing the wear of plain black conservative hairpins, combs, headbands, elastic bands and barrettes with all female hair colors.

✓ Allowing males to cleanly shave their heads or have military high-and-tight haircuts; females are not authorized to shave their heads or wear high-and-tight haircuts.

More information about these and other uniform board decisions will be included in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Diversion

A reporter from NBC affiliate KSHB-TV Channel 41 interviews Maj. Robert Palmer, 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs, about the emergency landing of a commercial airliner. Northwest Airlines Flight 115, a DC-9 with 52 passengers on board and a crew of four, traveling from Memphis, Tenn., to Kansas City, Mo., was diverted and landed here safely at 10:40 a.m. July 9. The passengers on Flight 115 toured a B-2, then taken to Mission's End for lunch and wait for ground transportation to Kansas City International Airport.

Former 509er dies in Iraq

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark.

(AFPN) — An Airman assigned to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing and attached to the U.S. Army's 494th Truck Company at Balad Air Base, Iraq, was killed in action July 11.

Staff Sgt. Dustin W. Peters, 25, died when the convoy he was riding in encountered an improvised explosive device.

Sergeant Peters served as the NCO in charge of equipment support for the 314th Logistics Readiness Squadron here before his deployment to Iraq.

The sergeant was assigned to the 509th LRS from 1997-2001 before his transfer to Little Rock AFB, Ark.

"We lost a valuable member of the Little Rock Air Force Base team and our Air Force family," said Col. Joseph Reheiser, 314th Airlift Wing commander. "Sergeant Peters will be missed, but his dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

"Right now, our efforts are focused on providing his family and friends the support and assistance they need," he said.



Sergeant Peters entered the Air Force on Jan. 29, 1997. After completing basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he attended technical training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., graduating as a vehicle operator journeyman.

"Sergeant Peters was a devoted patriot and Airman," said Lt. Col. Daniel Hicks,

314th LRS commander.

"Since his arrival at Little Rock Air Force Base, he has been a valued member of our unit and a close friend to many," Colonel Hicks said. "One thing you could count on was his service to our country and others always came ahead of his own needs and desires. His loss has touched us deeply, and we will miss him."

Sergeant Peters departed for Southwest Asia in February for a 179-day tour, his fourth deployment since arriving here.

His military decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and valor device, and an Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

New Airman's Manual coming

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — An Airman's most important deployment tool just got better.

The original Air Force Manual 10-100, the "Airman's Manual," published in 1999, has been revised and updated and hits the streets Monday.

"Within four weeks, we will distribute more than 675,000 copies to every active-duty member, reservist and guardsman," said David Epstein, the training and publications manager for the Air Force Civil Engineer Readiness Branch. An electronic version is available on the Air Force portal.

A working group of contract writers and active-duty subject-matter experts from a cross-section of Air Force specialties began the revision in October 2003. The manual was completed in January and went to press June 9.

One major improvement combines the manual with Air Force Handbook 32-4014, Volume 4, "USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Environment." This consolidated the two publications from 400 pages to about 250 and put them both into one easy-to-carry booklet that fits into the battle dress uniform pants cargo pocket.

Another important feature is the addition of about 20 pages of potential life-saving information, Steve Prier said. He is the

Full Spectrum Threat Response publication manager and program manager for the Airman's Manual at the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The section is tabbed, in simple text, and states specific "need-to-know-now" actions such as post-attack and shelter-in-place actions, weapons jam procedures, self-aid and buddy care and how to identify unexploded ordnance. It can even be read using night-vision goggles.

"The experts reviewed each section to ensure accuracy, then added essential information from lessons learned from operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, or any other items they found to be important over the past five years," Mr. Prier said.

The team visited Lackland AFB, Texas, to test the draft manual on basic training graduates who recently completed Warrior Week.

Every bluesuiter will get a copy of the manual, with deployed and deploying Airmen getting their copies first through their unit deployment managers. Certain emergency-essential civilians and contractors will also get them.

"It's weather-proof, tear-resistant and just about indestructible," Mr. Epstein said. "It's a great medium for this compilation of existing war skills tactics, techniques and procedures."

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Whiteman welcomes new Commanders



Name: Maj. David Hadden

Squadron: 509th Maintenance Squadron

Date assumed command: June 24

Previous assignment: 509th Munitions Squadron commander

Time in service: 18 years, 4 months

Commissioning source: Officer Training School

Family: Wife, Suzette, and sons, Josh and Jon David

Hobbies: Exercising.

Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission: Maintaining the B-2 is critical to providing theater commanders with overwhelming combat power.

Command philosophy: Pride, trust and fun.

To maintain a unit that is proud of its accomplishments and capabilities.

To maintain trust in those which I'm privileged to lead and to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Goals for new position: To help my fellow Airmen make a difference.



Name: Maj. Thomas Kirkham

Squadron: 509th Munitions Squadron

Date assumed command: June 24

Previous assignment: Volkel Air Base, The Netherlands

Time in service: 11 years

Commissioning source: Air Force ROTC

Family: Wife, Susan, and daughters, Nicole, Megan and Sarah

Hobbies: Playing guitar, running, fishing, hunting, camping — basically any outdoor sporting activity.

Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission: Our squadron provides two unique capabilities — nuclear deterrence and precision-guided munitions, both of which can be delivered via stealthy means. These unique qualities play an important role in the national defense strategy of our country.

Command philosophy: My philosophy is centered around three factors that directly influence mission success — safety, training and people. Safety must be at the forefront of everything we do to ensure our people and equipment are ready for the task. We must train hard to hone our war fighting skills, and we must ensure our people and their families are well taken care of so they can maintain mission focus. If we are successful in these three areas the mission will take care of itself.

Goals for new position: Cultivate a work environment where people are excited about their jobs, maintain combat skills at peak performance to ensure readiness and pass all inspections with outstanding results.

For more changes of command, see the July 23 issue of the *Whiteman Spirit*.

Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Jackie Wilson
509th Communication Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jackie Wilson, 509th Communications Squadron graphics shop, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Matt Erichsen, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, July 6.

Lt. Col. Fred Niblock, 509th Bomb Wing plans office, nominated Airman Wilson for her efforts during the Wings Over Whiteman air show preparation.

“Airman Wilson, having only been at Whiteman for less than eight months, was presented a challenge. She gladly stepped up to the plate and took it upon herself to address (a time sensitive air show) project,” Colonel Niblock said.

As the sole person in the shop, Airman Wilson willingly took on the workload of two NCO’s — her efforts helping to ensure the airshow posters were accurate and highly visible.

“It’s folks like Airman Wilson that make me proud to be a member of the 509th BW,” Colonel Niblock said.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Graphics
Time on station: Less than 1 year
Time in service: 1 year, 3 months
Hometown: Silver City, North Carolina
Husband: Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson, 509th CS.
Children: One on the way (It’s a girl!).
Hobby: Shopping.
Best thing about Whiteman: The location.
Pet Peeves: Know-it-alls and long lines.
What motivates your winning spirit? Knowing that I work in a multimedia shop in the Air Force.
If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? I think there should be more facilities available to night shift workers, especially the food court.

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509er is contracting success



By Melissa Kaye Klinkner
Public Affairs

With a contagious smile and positive, persevering attitude, Tech. Sgt. Bob Goeke is equipped for success. Since joining the Air Force in December 1989, Sergeant Goeke has set his goals high. Spurred by a love for his country and support from his wife and five children, he is successfully tackling a difficult, uphill journey to reach his dreams.

One of his dreams that recently came true is attaining a difficult selection for Officer Training School out of a challenging process and 324 applicants. Sergeant Goeke said he looks forward to the professional military education and 12 weeks of training he will go through. "It's going to be very humbling. I really look forward to getting in there, learning their curriculum, and seeing what they're going to train me to do and mold me to become," he said.

This 509th Contracting Squadron member's training starts Sept. 28 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He will graduate OTS as a second lieutenant and continue his career in contracting. During his four years here, Sergeant Goeke has worked in CONS, and it's evident through his attitude and demeanor that he loves his job and is proud to work as part of the Whiteman team.

In CONS, he makes purchases for the B-2, such as bomb racks, and said he gets job satisfaction from knowing he's doing something to help keep the aircraft flying.

"I've never grown tired of watching the B-2. I'm very proud to say that in my career I'm able to support the B-2's mission and what it's capable of," he said. "Prior to contracting I was in supply and didn't know much about CONS. I didn't realize the impact that it had on the base and to the overall mission. I'm proud to work in a career that contributes to that."

Sergeant Goeke also exhibits his passionate patriotism and enthusiasm in his front yard. He has always displayed numerous flags, including small flags that border the property, a 4-by-6-foot flag that flies 24 hours a day and, more recently, a giant "lawn flag."

"One day I just decided to paint a flag in the yard," he said. With the help of his neighbor, Master Sgt. Dave Verran of the 394th Combat Training Squadron, Sergeant Goeke has painted a 19-by-30-foot flag on his front lawn every year he's been at Whiteman. His reasoning for so many flags is that "Old Glory represents all that's great about our country and the men and women who serve to keep it that way. It's a small token of my appreciation."

"Sergeant Goeke has a very positive attitude and is one of the most patriotic people I've ever met," said Master Sgt. James McCoy, 509th CONS.

"There's no doubt that serving in the Air Force has solidified my patriotism and



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Tech. Sgt. Bob Goeke, 509th Contracting Squadron, and neighbor, Master Sgt. Dave Verran, 394th Combat Training Squadron, paint a 19-by-30-foot "lawn flag."

belief in our Air Force core values," Sergeant Goeke said. "Wearing the uniform each day allows me to honor all of my fellow comrades, past and present, who give their all to secure the freedoms we share."

This love and pride of country is why Sergeant Goeke joined the Air Force. Additionally, his father was in the Army and Air National Guard, his father's brothers and sisters served in the Army, and his grandfather served in World War II. His family has always been a strong supporting cast in his

life ñ especially his wife, Tiffany, and children, Beth, Bobby, Alex, Danny and Katie.

When he leaves work, his time is devoted to family, he said. "They're basically my whole life. I work hard, then go home and put in some good quality time with them. We do almost everything together: community involvement, church, sports ..."

He and his family have done much for

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The Leadership Sedalia group boards one of Whiteman's buses driven by Airman 1st Class Darcy Leonard, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The group of Sedalia leaders and business people visited Whiteman for a tour led by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen, 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs. The tour consisted of a briefing by Col. Matt Erichsen, 509th BW vice commander, a tour of the Oscar-01 facility and the B-2.



At the Oscar-01 facility, Master Sgt. Thomas Yetzer, 509th Bomb Wing, explains points of interest on a map showing the geographical locations of inactive Minuteman II Missile silos. Oscar-01 was inactivated as a missile launch site in September 1993 and has been used for giving tours since mid-1994. The Leadership Sedalia group received a tour of the upstairs and underground network. More than 2,000 people have visited Whiteman since Jan. 1.



Staff Sgt. Roy Murray, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, explains the skin of the B-2 to Scott Patrick and Stephanie Mayes, part of the Leadership Sedalia tour group. Tour participants also learn about the importance of the B-2's large payload, precision weapons and long range capabilities. Many base tours also visit the Army 1-135th Aviation

Battalion's Hangar to learn about their mission and the AH-64 Apache. Base tours help educate the general public and demonstrate Team Whiteman's missions to American citizens. By sharing an inside view of military life, tours help foster positive community relations and taxpayer support.



Tour participants Sheryl Heisterberg and Harriet Wolfe stand in the B-2 bomb bay with Tech Sgt. David Royko, 509th Maintenance Squadron, as he explains the different parts of the B-2.



Photos by Melissa Kaye Klinkner

Members of a tour group wait in line to board the B-2 and sit in the cockpit. More than 3,000 people visited Whiteman in 2003. The tour program is run by the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office. To see the tour schedule visit http://www.whiteman.af.mil/tours_files/index.shtml.

Showing off Whiteman



Capt. Valerie Saur, 303rd Fighter Squadron, explains the parts of the A-10 static display to participants of a Youth Tour, led by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp. The youth center requested the tour because most of these children's parents work on or fly B-2's and A-10's and the children hadn't had the opportunity to see the planes up close.

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What’s happening

Education

AFROTC offers scholarships

The Scholarships for Outstanding Airman to ROTC program offers active duty enlisted members an opportunity to earn a commission while completing their bachelor’s degree as an Air Force ROTC cadet. SOAR is open to students in any major and provides a scholarship up to \$15,000 per year, an annual textbook allowance of \$510 and a monthly nontaxable stipend of \$200-\$400. Air Combat Command’s quota is 16 for fiscal 2005.

Waivers must be submitted to Headquarters Air Force ROTC by Aug. 15, with completed packages reaching ACC by Oct. 15. For more details, eligibility requirements and application procedures, visit the ROTC Web site at <http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning> or call Larry Broudrick, base education and training services office, at 687-2420.

Community

Top 3 schedules enlisted luau

The Whiteman Top 3’s 11th Annual Enlisted Luau takes place Aug. 27 at Skelton Park. Volunteers are still needed for various committees. For more details on the luau, call Master Sgt. Keith Keen at 687-3087.

Reserve openings available

The Air Force Reserve offers opportunities to people separating from active duty. The reserve offers most active-duty benefits, pay and retirement. For more details, call Master Sgt. Kim Halstead at 687-6483.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Pre-retirement briefing set

A pre-retirement briefing for people retiring from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. For more details, call 687-1500 or 6720.

TAP helps people leaving military

A three-day transition assistance program for people separating or retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Attendees will learn basic resume writing skills, interviewing skills, salary negotiation, and receive information on education and Veterans Administration benefits. Reservations are required.

Workshop to write resumes

A hands-on workshop that helps people through the resume writing process begins at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday. Reservations are required.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend. This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Air Force reserve and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more details, call 687-1500 or 687-6720.

Class helps new parents

Expectant parents can gain information and resources at the Bundles for Babies class at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Reservations are required.



Photo by Master Sgt. Natalia DaSilva

Stop line

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Staff Sgt. Stewart Herringshaw, 379th Civil Engineer Squadron barrier maintenance shop, explains the inner workings of a barrier arresting kit to 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton. Military aircraft that are unable to stop on their own after having touched down can be stopped by an arresting cable — the barrier — at the end of the runway. The BAK-14 raises the arresting cable. Sergeant Herringshaw is a member of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed to Southwest Asia

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the community. They’ve bought toys for the Knob Noster Toy Bus, delivered cookies to troops on the flight line and led various booths at the Show-Me Christian Youth Home’s Christmas bizarre. They’ve also helped at a soup kitchen and annually tend “Babyland,” a section of the Knob Noster cemetery, by weed-eating and putting pin-wheels by every grave. Through all these acts of kindness, Sergeant Goeke and his family have made a difference ... together.

“He’s a great father and husband,” said Sergeant McCoy. “He has a way of brightening any room he’s in and is very upbeat and happy. You’ll rarely find him down at all.”

Sergeant Goeke applies this positive attitude every day. He advises those who are interested in doing what he’s done that it’s all about perseverance. “You’ve got to want it,” he said.

“I’ve worked so hard to get here. I worked part-time, full-time, tried to go to school part-time and my wife was going to school full-time. I was burning the candle at both ends for a long time, but I was focused and knew what I wanted,” Sergeant Goeke said. “If I can do it, anyone can. I’m not a brain surgeon by any means – I just applied myself. That’s what it’s all about.”

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Gettin' spun up

Christopher Clohessy, 509th Comptroller Squadron, gets ready to take a ride. Airman Clohessy is putting together a bicycle team for the upcoming Multiple Sclerosis 150. The MS 150 is a 150-mile, two-day charity bicycling event Sept. 11. It begins in Lee's Summit, Mo., stops for the night in Sedalia, Mo., and ends in Knob Noster. "It's not about time or even how far you go. The most important thing is that you are out riding your bike with friends, having a good time and showing (Team Whiteman's) presence and support," Airman Clohessy said. For more details, contact Airman Clohessy at christopher.clohessy@whiteman.af.mil.

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Sports & Recreation



Fitness Center 687-5496

SPINNING across America

Participate in the spinning quarterly incentive program until Sept. 30. spinning classes are available at 6 a.m., 9 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call for more details and to sign up at the fitness center.

Core strengthening class

Take core strengthening classes at 5:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the fitness center. Call the fitness center for more details and to sign up for this free class.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

Free youth bowling

Youth 18 and younger with pool passes can bowl free 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays. Offer ends Sept. 6. Call Stars & Strikes for more details.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Boater safety class

This mandatory class involves classroom and lake activities for the intended use of rental boats with a 15-horsepower motor or more. Two sessions must be completed to qualify to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Session I classes are available 11 a.m.-noon Thursday and Aug. 5. Session II classes are available 1-4:30 p.m. Aug. 7 or 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 12. A combined session class is available 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. July 29. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Spaces are limited; sign up early.

Open water scuba orientation

Get qualified to scuba dive on base at an orientation class 5:30-6:30 p.m. July 28. Scuba classes take place 5:30-10 p.m. Aug. 16-20 at outdoor recreation and the base pool. The \$190 fee includes instruction, books and use of equipment. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up by July 28.

Pomme De Terre Lake

Bring your families out on Pomme De Terre Lake 8 a.m.-7 p.m. July 31 to learn basic boating skills. The \$12 fee includes transportation and boating gas. Bring a swimsuit and picnic lunch. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up by July 28.

Pomme De Terre River canoe trip

Take a seven-mile canoe trip on the Pomme De Terre River 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 14. The \$8 fee includes transportation, canoe rental, life jackets and paddles. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up by Aug. 11.

Royal Oaks 687-5572

Championship golf

Compete in the Royal Oaks course championship at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday to qualify for the Air Combat Command Golf Championship at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Sept. 21-25. There is an initial \$20 entry fee plus cart and greens fee for this event. Call Royal Oaks Golf Course for more details and to sign up.



Travel & Leisure



Tickets & Travel 687-5643

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It's not too early to start thinking of a Disney World Christmas vacation. Stop by Tickets & Travel and let us help you book your complete vacation: air, car, hotel and more.



Community Activities



Community Center 687-5617

Whiteman wildflower walk

This free event introduces families to the beauty of native flowers on base. Join a tour guide and carpool to prairie wildflower areas on base at 1 p.m. Saturday. Call the community center for more information.

Pop-a-Shot hoops

Children can invite their dad or guardian to challenge other teams in shooting hoops at 2 p.m. July 24 at the community center. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments are provided. Call the community center for more information.

Hansel & Gretel auditions

Children kindergarten through 12th grades can audition for the professionally produced musical "Hansel & Gretel" by Missoula Children's Theater at 10 a.m. Aug. 2 at the youth center. Rehearsals take place Aug. 2-6 at the community center. The musical will be performed at 3 and 7 p.m. Aug. 6 at the community center. Call the community center for more details and to sign up by July 28. Sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet.*

Teen Center 687-5819

Super Splash USA

Teens can enjoy a day at the Super Splash USA water park in Raytown, Mo., 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. July 23. The \$10 fee for members and \$12 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. Call the teen center for more details and to sign up by Wednesday.

Tour the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Teens can tour the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art 10 a.m.-4 p.m. July 29. View and learn about 20th century art, the African-American struggle for equal rights and other exhibits in this museum. This is a free event; bring a sack lunch and drink. Call the teen center for more details and to sign up by July 28.

Meet Mizzou Day

Teens can visit the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., to learn about educational opportunities after high school 12:15-5 p.m. Aug 11. The \$3 fee for members and \$5 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. Call the teen center for more details and to sign up by Aug 6.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Developmental Enrichment Program

The Developmental Enrichment Program is accepting enrollments for fall preschool. It's open to children 3 to 5 years old not requiring full-time care. Children must be 3 years old by July 31.

Drop-in care

The child development center has drop-in care 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on a space-available basis. Call for more details.

Library 687-5614

Mystery night

Youth ages 6-18 involved with the discover new trails reading program are welcome to the base library 6:30-7:30 p.m. today for some good old-fashioned fun. Call the library for more details.



Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Karaoke

Enjoy karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight today and July 30 in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.

ACC \$1 breakfast

Members only, bring your families out for breakfast 6:30-8 a.m. Tuesday at Mission's End. For only \$1 enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, potatoes, coffee and orange juice.

Steak and chicken buffet

A sirloin steak and chicken buffet is offered 5:30-8 p.m. July 30 at Mission's End. Enjoy sirloin steak, grilled chicken, vegetables, potatoes and dessert. The cost is \$13.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Stepping stone class

Take a three-session stepping stone class 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and 31 at the skills development center. There is a \$35 fee plus supplies. Sign up by today.

Skills craft fair

The skills development center hosts a craft fair 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 17. There is a \$10 vendor fee. Sign up by June 16 to reserve a table.

All niter

Bring your vehicle in for an all niter 9 p.m. today-6 a.m. Saturday at auto skills. Food and drinks will be available. Call skills development center for more details. Sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet.*

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Play it cool with pets this summer

By following a few summer pet safety tips, you can keep your animal friends healthy and enjoy the months of fun in the sun. Tip of the week: do not overexert your pet by keeping walks to a slow pace. If your pet is panting or seems exhausted, it's time to stop. Keep posted for more tips to come next week, for further questions stop by or call the veterinary clinic.

Youth Center 687-5586

Soccer registration

Kindergarteners through ninth graders can register for soccer 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. now through Aug. 1 at the youth center. The cost is \$30 for members and \$38 for nonmembers. Children must be 5 or older by Aug. 1 to be eligible to register. Call the youth sports director at 687-3199 for more details.

Dance instructor

Applications for a dance instructor will be accepted now through Aug. 2 at the youth center. Submit a resume with two letters of recommendation and any training certificates. Call the youth center for more information.

Zoo Mobile

Kindergarteners through seventh graders can join us 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday at the youth center to see and learn about animals from the Kansas City Zoo. Call the youth center for more details and to sign up for this free event; spaces are limited.

Union Station 'Science City'

Youth fifth through seventh grades can take part in hands on science activities and experience riding the Amtrak at the Union Station in Kansas City, Mo., 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday. The \$16 fee for members and \$18 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. Call the youth center for more information and sign up by today.

Family Child Care 687-5590

Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It's available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed before participation.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

The Chronicles of Riddick 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring - Vin Diesel & Judi Dench

Saturday

Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban 7 p.m. PG
Starring - Daniel Radcliffe & Rupert Grint

Sunday

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Starring - Nicole Kidman & Bette Midler

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